

unsaturated C₃-C₈-monocarboxylic acids with C₂-C₈-hydroxyalcohols or the ethoxylated or propoxylated derivatives thereof.--

REMARKS

Claims 12-16 are active in the case.

Claim Amendment

Claim 16 has been amended in order to recite that the scope of monomers described in Claim 16 includes the monoesters of α,β -ethylenically unsaturated C₄-C₈-dicarboxylic acids as specifically taught at page 9, lines 31-33 of the specification. The amendment corrects an oversight in the presentation of Claim 16 in the response filed March 29, 2002 in the application. Entry of the amendment under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.312 is respectfully requested.

It is now believed that the application is in proper condition for publication.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 16 as follows:

--16. (Twice Amended) A process as claimed in Claim 14, wherein the monomer b is selected from the group consisting of α,β -ethylenically unsaturated C_3 - C_8 -monocarboxylic acids, α,β -ethylenically unsaturated C_4 - C_8 -dicarboxylic acids, the mononesters with C_1 - C_{12} -alkanols and anhydrides thereof, aromatic vinylcarboxylic acids, monoethylenically unsaturated sulfonic acids and phosphonic acids, esters of α,β -ethylenically unsaturated C_3 - C_8 -monocarboxylic acids with amino- C_2 - C_8 -alkanols, mono- C_1 - C_4 -alkylamino- C_2 - C_8 -alkanols or di- C_1 - C_4 -alkylamino- C_2 - C_8 -alkanols, N-vinyl lactams and esters of α,β -ethylenically unsaturated C_3 - C_8 -monocarboxylic acids with C_2 - C_8 -hydroxyalcohols or the ethoxylated or propoxylated derivatives thereof.--